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KHRUSHCHEV GETS TOUGH

Premier Nikita Khrushchev, in crudely rebuking the President of the United States personally, has blatently attempted to humiliate the Chief Executive of the world's most powerful country to prove himself an even more powerful leader than the United States President.

Although Khrushchev is a man who is often moved by impulse, this latest display of arrogance is probably not an impulsive one. Rather, it was probably calculated with great cunning, and it is an attempt to demonstrate to the peoples of the world everywhere that the leader of Russia can insult or humiliate the President of the United States, and withdraw an invitation already extended to him, without worry or fear of the consequences.

A study of the results of this latest example of Khrushchev arrogance is interesting. It indicates that the Russian has weighed the merits on both sides of the proposed Eisenhower visit and has decided that Russia has more to gain if Eisenhower does not visit that country.

It will be recalled, of course, that Khrushchev wanted to visit the United States for many years before he finally wangled an invitation from President Eisenhower. President Eisenhower was reluctant to extend the invitation, but finally Khrushchev had his way. In the end, he visited the United States and made full use of the newspapers, radio and television to voice his views to America and the world.

President Eisenhower had been promised reciprocal television and newspaper coverage in Russia, when he visited Russia. By withdrawing the invitation to the President, Khrushchev avoids keeping this obligation.

Also, Khrushchev— knowing well the value of "face" in Asia, realizes what this diplomatic slap in the face to Eisenhower will mean in the Far East. President Eisenhower will inevitably lose face in Asia, and Khrushchev will be viewed as the man powerful enough to humiliate the President of the United States in front of his allies, in a most blunt fashion.

All in all, it is a most unfortunate incident. The major constructive factor is the commendable dignity in which Mr. Eisenhower conducted himself during his ill-fated trip to Paris. Perhaps, in the long run, the dignity of the President, will offset the temporary gain of the Russian leader.

Fear is kin to both envy and a guilty conscience.

If in doubt do a favor for the person who refused to do one for you.

Christian living pays off in the long run, though it is often a mighty long run.

Tension and suppressed emotion kill many of our associates, and may kill you.

MEMORIAL DAY

When the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan, issued the order designating May 30th, 1868, as a day for decorating the graves of the men who fell in the War Between the States, he expressed the hope that it would be observed "from year to year while a survivors of the war remains to honor the memory of the departed."

The custom of thus paying homage to the war dead, which had originated in the South, and represented at that time only spontaneous local activity on the part of a relatively few women and children, thus came into being.

The appeal of such an annual commemoration to large numbers of people was soon demonstrated throughout the reunited Republic.

By 1900, President William McKinley, himself a Union veteran, declared, "The army of Grant and the Army of Lee are together. They are one now in faith, in hope, in fraternity, in purpose, and in invincible patriotism."

Memorial Day, observed annually since that time, reminds us that human freedom was bought at a great price, and that we should not, we must not forget the blood, sweat, and tears of those who have gone before.

The best show on earth is the human race, and the performance is continuous, and free.

Wouldn't it be nice if everyone was rewarded fairly for the job done, and bosses and employees were all happy with each other-

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Despite the theory, local situations often require special solutions in a democracy, and there is no one rule by which all people can be governed alike.

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My Duty and Responsibility As A Minister To Public Edu[cation]

By
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Memorial Methodist Church

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of articles on schools).

As a Christian minister, I have always felt a very heavy sense of duty and responsibility toward public education, and have tried earnestly in every community in which I have lived to aid to the best of my ability in the furtherance of the educational processes. I consider this sense of duty and responsibility has come from at least two significant sources. First, I find that the Gospel Records reveal Jesus primarily as a Great Teacher. Nicodemus recognized Him as "a teacher sent from God"; and in Luke's Gospel the beginning of His Public Ministry is described, "and He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all." Our eyes fall so frequently upon the Biblical phrase, "and He taught them, saying," and we, too, are inwardly compelled and outwardly constrained to demonstrate for those of our generation the importance of the participation in the learning process. In the second place, I recall again and again, that the first schools in the United States were founded by earnestly devout religious leaders who had come to America from lands afar to enjoy the full development of their personalities without fear or favor. In 1636 the Massachusetts Colony General Court decreed a grant towards the establishment of a school or college; and at the same time the last will of Mr John Harvard, "a reverend and excellent minister of the Gospel, who was dying at Charlestown of a consumption, bequeathed half of his property, together with his entire library toward the pious work of building a school or college." These quaint and classic words describe the purpose for the founding of Harvard College at Cambridge, Mass., "to perpetuate learning and to advance it to posterity; dreading to leave an illiterate Ministry to the Churches, when our Mnisters shall lie in the Dust." Sixty-five years later, ten Congregational ministers, all but one of them Harvard graduates, met in the home of Reverend Samuel Russell at Branford, Conn. to organize Yale College, and wrote into the charter their intention that its students should be so educated as they might be "fitted for public employment both in Church and Civil State." When William and Mary College was founded at Williamsburg in 1693, the purposes were stated: "that the Church of Virginia may be furnished with a seminary of the ministers of the Gospel, and that the youth may be piously educated in good letters and manners, and that the Christian faith may be propagated." The University of Virginia was established in 1825 by Thomas Jefferson for similar purposes.

With this rich heritage of the profound sense of duty and responsibility for the educational process, I would not be a faithful follower of the Founding Fathers if I were not vitally interestd in public education. As early as 1841 a statewide assembly of elected delegates met in Richmond to urge state action for free schools. Today, a century and one-quarter later, "Public education is indeed a most vital element in the life of Virginia," to quote from the 1960 Report of the Commission on Public Education to the Governor and the General Assembly of Virginia. We of Virginia are justly proud that as early as 1857 Governor Wise urged an effective state school system."

Today in Virginia when approximately one out of every five persons attend some public school; and when almost 255 million dollars, includig capital outlay and debt service, is spent annually to operate these schools, every citizen of the Commonwealth should take an active part in this gigantic enterprise. It is a real delight to observe an increasing awareness evidenced by so many citizens of the needs and opportunities of our schools. But since the needs appear so multitudnous, we sometimes are prone to experience an overwhelming despair to trying to assume any duty or responsibility for this very potent agency in our community. We are greatly heartened by the progressive legislation enacted by the recent session of the General Assembly in response to the recommendations by the State Board of Education, and are impelled to do our very best as citizens of our own community to exercise every interest and effort to strengthen and improve the educational processes for our children.

I have the opportunity of working fairly closely with the schools of our community. I desire to compliment our Board of Education, the supervisors and the teachers for the excellent endeavors put forth for the total development of our youth. I feel it is my duty and responsibility, as a minister and citizen of the community, to lend every assistance possible to encourage these who work so diligently and effectively in our school system by attending every school function where citizens and parents are expected. I feel it is my obligation to keep informed in order that I may help inform others of the most adequate currimulum for this rising generation, the best possible equipment and space for these growing personalities, and the fair and just salaries for our teachers. During my travels in the Middle East and Europe in 1955, I was amazed to discover that each child in many countries from the elementary grades up received instruction in two or more languages besides their native tongue, when we here in America are so lax at this point. I am in hearty agreement with the following statement by the Commission on the English Curriculum in 1954: "To think clearly and honestly, to read thoughtfully, to communciate effectively, and to listen intelligently are as important today as they ever were." In this technological age, modern mathematics are essential, scientfic knowledge is necessary, and an increased emphasis upon the basic principles of democracy is imperative Patrick Henry, in perhaps his most famous speech, said, "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past." America's position of leadership calls for a better understanding of the peoples of the whole world and for keener insights into the humanities and communication arts so necessary in our ever-shrinking world. With daily increasing demands upon the Administrative and Teaching Personnel of our public school system, in order to prepare properly our youth to meet the rapidly changing conditions in our agricultural and industrial economy, remunerations for this strenuous task must be commensurate with the increased demands. A fair and just wage for our personnel should demand the immediate attention of every loyal citizen of this Great Commonwealth if Virginia is to continue worthy of the great heritage of Washington, Madison, Jefferson and the other founders of this Republic. Reliable statistics reveal that our teachers have a large influence in determining the individual income and economic level in their communities because there is a direct casual relationship between educational attainment and economic conditions. Therefore, as a minister and citizen, I am alerted constantly by an indomitable urge to discharge my full duty and responsibility towards public educa[tion] ... wholly subscribe to th[e] ... of Mort and Vincent ... "A Look At Our Sc[hools]" ... "an education which ... inadequate funds and ... cannot fit our young[er] ... full - functioning, ... omy," of this space ...

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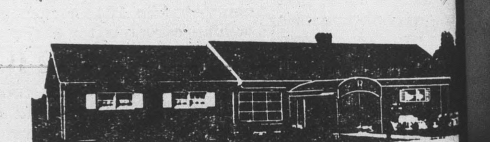

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